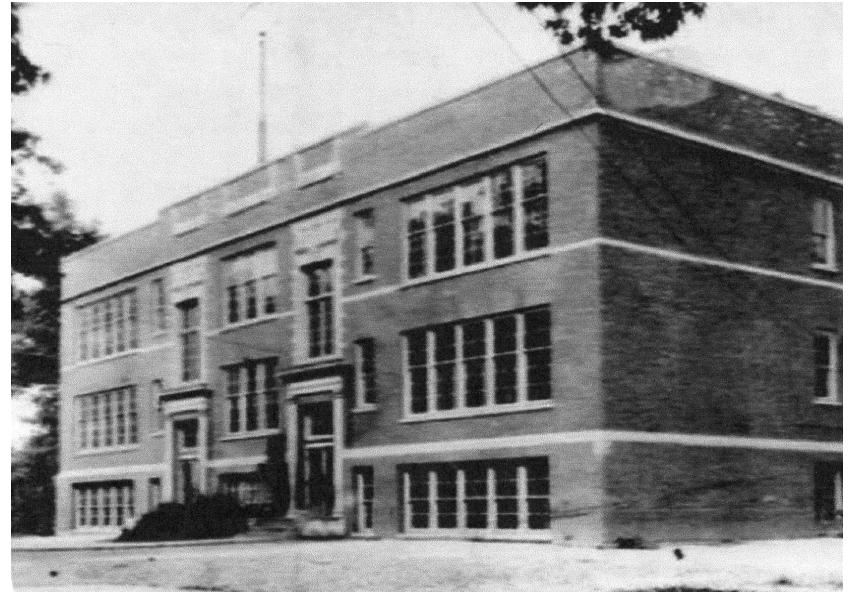


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# JANUARY

3-Post #3287 V.F.W. @6:00pm at Library  
3-American Legion @6:30pm at Library  
7-Maroa Public Library Board @7:00pm at Library  
8-Food Pantry 9-10am at Maroa Christian Church  
8-Maora Lodge #454 @7:30 at Lodge  
9-Maroa Lion's Club @6:30pm at United Methodist Church  
14-Maroa-Forsyth School Board @7:00pm  
15-H.C.E. @7:00pm at Library  
19-Fire Department 6am-12pm Pancake & Sausage Breakfast  
22-Food Pantry 3:30-5:30pm at Maroa Christian Church  
23-Maroa Lion's Club @6:30pm at United Methodist Church  
28- City Council @7:00pm at City Hall

# FEBRUARY

4-Maroa Public Library Board @7:00pm at Library  
5-Maroa Lodge #454 @7:30pm at Lodge  
7-Post #3287 V.F.W. @6:00pm at Library  
7-American Legion @6:30pm at Library  
11-Maroa-Forsyth School Board @7:00pm  
**11-DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER 10:00am**  
12-Food Pantry 9-10am at Maroa Christian Church  
13-Maroa Lions' Club @6:30pm at United Methodist Church  
19-H.C.E. @7:00pm at Library  
21-Zoning Board @7:00pm at City Hall  
25-City Council @7:00pm at City Hall  
26-Food Pantry 3:30-5:30pm at Maroa Christian Church  
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## H.C.E.

On Nov. 20th meeting was called to order by our president, Ruth Darelus. Five members were present. It was decided that we would go to ILForno's to have dinner for our Dec. 18th meeting. We are to meet at the Library at 5:30 and then car-pool to Decatur. It was voted to give \$50.00 each to the Christmas basket project and the Maroa Food Pantry. Several of the members were planning to attend the "Simplify The Holiday"s workshop held as a tri county event. We plan to donate cookies to the Maroa Library cookie walk which was held on Dec. 8th. Karen Halicki passed out pages and pages of great soup and dessert recipes from the Oct HCE week. Can't wait to try those, they look great. There was also information from CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). Lists of supplies needed for emergencies, papers for important documents and lots more important information. Thanks Karen for always bringing back the great lessons from each monthly H C E meeting. New members are welcome to join us. Contact an H.C.E. member to get started.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maroa, Robert K Barnett celebrated his 85th birthday on November 19th. Bob was born Nov. 19 1927 near Maroa. He married Joan Wilkey on May 16, 1947. She is deceased. Bob is retired from General Transfer. He is the father of Caroline of Brooklyn N.Y., Bobbe Mathews of Decatur, IL. & Cindy of Maroa & Teresa of Clinton. Bob has three grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one great great grandchildren.

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## GREAT GRANDPARENTS

Annabelle Rose was born November 21, 2012, to Ted and Melissa Richey of Bloomington. Grandparents are Tim And Ellen Thiebaud of Creston. She is the 10th Great Grandchild of David & Joy Gardner of Maroa.

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## MAROA COMMUNITY PANTRY

A big thanks goes to the "Fall in Love with Maroa" group. Through their efforts, we received lots of pantry staples that were added to our shelves.

It goes without saying that all of Maroa should be grateful to this group for all the activities they are providing. This all takes an incredible amount of work for all those involved. Thank you. We would also like to thank everyone that has given so generously to the pantry during the holiday season.

With the growing numbers attending, the cost of keeping the operation financially stable is more of a challenge all the time. Thank you to all of you that are making this easier. We are in the middle of our fifth year and still discover that many residents still do not know we exist. If you or someone you know needs food assistance, please direct them to us. The schedule is always in this newsletter, or you may contact Kathy, 794-3780 or Joyce, 794-5975.



The new Veteran's Wall Plaque is up at the Main Street Cafe. There is room left for anyone not already on our wall and would like to be included. Send an email to [Sharonwoolum@aol.com](mailto:Sharonwoolum@aol.com) or call 217-358-1002 for details. Thank you to all veteran's for your service to our country--Maroa Township Trustees Larry Clark, Charlie Summers and Sharon Woolum



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No Valid Insurance	5
Disobeyed Stop Sign	1
Driving While Revoked	1
Written Warnings	5
Verbal Warnings	6

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46</b>
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#### CRIMINAL

Disorderly Juvenile	15
Disorderly Adult	6
Aggravated	
Fleeing & Eluding	1
Aggravated Domestic	
Battery	2
Aggravated Reckless	
Driving	1
Domestic Problem	1
Mail Scam	2
Illegal Possession of	
Alcohol by a minor	1
Possession of Cannabis>	
2.5 grams	1
Possession of drug	
Paraphernalia	1
Juvenile Battery	1
Theft under \$300	1
Retail Theft	1
Electronic Harassment	1
Warrant Arrest	1

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>
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#### OTHER SERVICE CALLS

Assist Motorist	2
Assist D.C.S.	1
Assist M.S.O.	3
Assist D.A.S.	2
Assist Parole Officer	3
Assist Decatur PD	1
Assist D.C.F.S.	1
Suspicious Vehicle	3
Suspicious Person	3
Follow ups	34
Animal Complaint	7
Attempted Suicide	3
Security Checks	6
Ordinance Notice	1
Noise Complaint	2
Parking Citation	3
Driving Complaint	3
Truant Student	1
Peddler Complaint	2
ATV Complaint	2
Sex Offender	
Compliance Check	4
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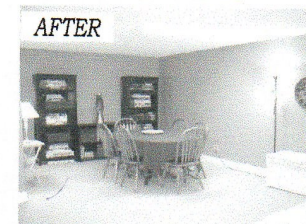
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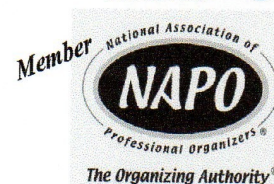


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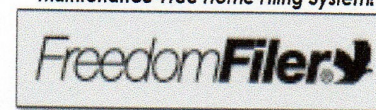
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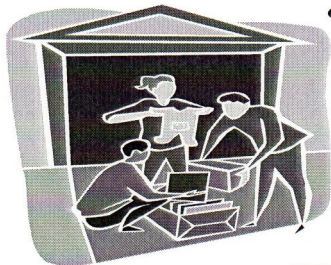


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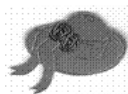
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Their teamwork restored our home for us. We are forever grateful to all who helped.

THE DENTON'S

## THE RED HATS



The Red Hat and The Sour Notes entered their decorated Red Hat Tree in the Festival of the Trees in Maroa. We met for our Christmas Party at the Maroa Library for a light potluck and an exchange of cookies. We also played red hat bingo with prizes and discussed some outing ideas for next year. We also helped provide cookies for the Friends of the Library Cookie Walk. This has been a great year



Fun things have been going on at The Fireplace!

Blizzard of Blankets ended Dec. 1. Our goal was to collect 50 new blankets to be given in conjunction with the Christmas food baskets for Maroa-Forsyth area. Very pleased that so many generous residents helped with our cause and we collected 82 blankets! This project would not be possible without YOU! Please keep 2013 in mind as you shop after Christmas/winter clearance. For those of you who made your blankets, please keep our efforts in mind this winter, if you are looking for a hobby :)

Free Lunch with Santa was held on Dec. 1 and so much fun again this year! We doubled the amount of visitors we had from last year and will continue to do this each year for the youngsters in Maroa. A small way for us to thank residents for their support since we opened the doors to The Fireplace :) The excitement in children's eyes as they walk in and see Santa is truly AMAZING!! We love it!! Thanks to Anna Vest for helping to serve up pizza to everyone during the lunch :) Thanks to Tammy and Larry Groves :) We did ask those visiting Santa to please bring items for the Maroa Community Pantry and were pleased to turn in 156 items to the pantry (285 with items collected at Fall in Love with Maroa's Festival of Trees.) Keep the pantry in mind as you shop-it's a year round community service for families needing a little extra help.

The Fireplace was included in the Tour of Homes, held Dec. 2. LOADS OF FUN! Thanks to Ollie Dash for donating all the good cookies-the visiting guests enjoyed them! Ollie's kind gesture was one that lightened our load during the busy weekend of festivities.

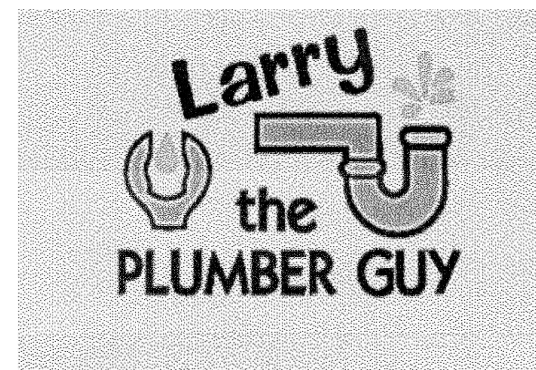
Thanks to EVERYONE that has made this a memorable holiday season so far.

Last, but not least, thank you for thinking of The Fireplace as you have planned your special events this year. Our doors remain open due to all the support we receive-this year has seen twice the amount of guests booking and we have bookings well into 2013 :)

Christmas Blessings,  
Bill and Brenda Zombro

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The Maroa Fire Department will be hosting their annual pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday January 19, 2013 from 6:00 am till 12:00 (noon) !! For complete details on the visit us at [www.maroafire.com](http://www.maroafire.com)



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The Friends of the Maroa Public Library would like to thank the entire community for their support of the Annual Cookie and Candy Sale held on December 8, 2012.

We have always known that we live in a great Community and it was shown once again by the generosity of the many talented bakers in the area with their donations of cookies and candy.

We also had many happy customers at the sale, and many left happy with their purchases when they found out that our bakers had found a way to make the delicious treats with less calories in them!!

We didn't have much left at the end of the sale, but were able to donate what we had left to the food pantry.

Thank you again from the bottom of your hearts for making our sale a success once again. May everyone have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!!!

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# WITH SYMPATHY

Maroa, Charity Mae Dick, 96, of Maroa passed away on Nov 20, 2102. Mae married Jessa Ray Dick in Dec 6, 1933, he passed away December 1985. Surviving is her daughter Virginia Lee Call of Clinton. Grandchildren and great children surviving from Maroa. Grandchildren Pasty Canada, Carol Mitchell, Emmett Call, Tommy Call, Jerry Call and Teresa Barnes.

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Maroa, Justin E. Mentzer 23, of Maroa passed away on November 26, 2012. Justin was born in Shelbyville IL. He was the son of Leon R & Mary Ann (McAllister) Mentzer. Married Leslie J. Knope on June 22, 2012. Justin is survived by his wife Leslie Mentzer of Maroa, father Leon R Mentzer and his brother Joshua both from Decatur IL. Justin mother has passed away.

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Decatur, Hester L Walker, 78 of Effingham formerly of Decatur, passed away on Nov 5, 2012. Hester was born on March 5, 1934, the daughter of Harry R & Sophia L (Miller) O'Riley. Hester married Kenneth O. Walker on April 27, 1973. Surviving are her husband Ken: sons, Paul (Diane) Lasco of Dayton TX, Eugene (Cindy) Lasco of LaPorte IN, Mitchell Lasco of Honolulu HI. Brother Harry Junior (Margaret) O'Riley of Maroa IL. She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband, Paul Lasco Sr., son Kevin Kelly Lasco, brothers Jerry O'Riley & Lester Eugene O'Riley, sisters, Doloris Bush, Edna Dorsey and Wilma "Tootie" Deffenbaugh. Area nieces & nephews Vickie Buckingham & Sharon Harlow from Maroa. Roger Bush & Jack O'Riley from Decatur, Lori Dougherty & Steve O'Riley from Forsyth IL.

Fall in Love with Maroa hosted CHRISTMAS IN MAROA Nov. 30-Dec. 2 and WOW WOW WOW!!!! :) No event is a success without support and FILWM received an overwhelming amount of support!! Thank you to everyone that donated their time, energy and \$ to donate a decorated tree/wreath for the silent auction. We had residents pulling out their craft skills, just as exciting were those of you who had never decorated a wreath before, but jumped right in to help the event. Tabletop decorators helped to set the gym in a festive mood and we can't thank them enough! It's impossible to thank everyone, but we wish we could because YOU made this happen. Thanks to Terri-Ron Braden and Rhonda Braden and kids for their donations of 2 bikes. Ollie Dash for a beautiful afghan donation. Kids Castle Learning Center (Keith-Sheri Vest Brown) for the electric stove donation. Various people stepped in to donate items for the wheelbarrows in silent auction-thanks to all!! Thank you to Scott State Bank of Maroa for letting us store items until they could be used at the tree festival. Event was free but visitors were asked to donate an item for the Maroa Community Pantry and while some of you forgot, some of you brought in items totaling 127! Combined with Santa's Lunch hosted by The Fireplace, 285 items were donated to the pantry.

Maroa Main Street Cafe hosted an all-you-can-eat chili/vegt soup dinner on Dec. 1. This event was a wonderful addition to the weekend of events! Great food, well-organized and if that wasn't enough...Penny and Bill Hardy donated proceeds of \$520 to FILWM group-THANKS PENNY AND BILL!!!!

Tour of Homes came back this year and could not have been made possible without 5 homeowners opening their doors for this event. Their time, energy, \$ spent is appreciated by this group and the many people touring on that beautiful day! Heartfelt thanks goes out to April Agee, Chris&Desiree Barrett, Denny&Marcee Place, Craig&Mendee Procarione, Mance and Katrina Thoms. Absolutely wonderful to have all 3 Maroa churches involved in the tour, in their own unique way!

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# MAROA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thanks to all who have donated knit and crochet hats this past year. We sent out over two hundred of them to are hospitals and cancer care units. A BIG THANK to Hazel Agee, Joy Gardner and Connie Townsend who produced many of these caps. On Feb. 8th we are offering you a BLIND DATE with a book. Drop by the library and pick up a wrapped book and take it home to read. This gives you the opportunity to try something new!! Bring back Feb 14 and tell us a little about the book and receive a prize this is for all ages.

Girls overnight at the Library will be Feb. 15th. this is for ages 8-12. please drop by the Library to sign up for this fun evening.

Library hours are: Tuesday-Friday 9-6 and Saturday 9-12.

January 3,10,17,24,31, story time 10:-10:45

January 5, Basket Weaving Class 9:00am

January 8,15,22,29, Quilters.

January 30th Book Club 10:00 am.

February 5,12,19,26 Quilters. February 7, 14, 21, 28 is Story time at the Library 10: till 10:45 am. Feb 8th Pickup book for Blind Date.

February 14, Blind Date Check-in. February Valentine overnight please sign up 8:00 P.M.- 8:00 A.M. February 27 Book club @ 10:00

Library hours are:  
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Sat. 9:00-12:00

Dawnette, Penny and Denise wish you a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The Maroa Christmas Basket Committee would like to Thank our many Friends and sponsors. Without you we would not be able to help the 80 families that we did this year. To Baum Chevrolet who donated the use of their trailer, Casey's for sponsoring a Toys for the Tots drive. The Fireplace and the Zombro's for collecting blankets. Mrs. Crouch and the FFA & FCCLA who collected and cleaned 100 coats and also organized a food drive at the High School. The Fire Dept. who so generously has let us use their facilities for so many years. The Methodist Church who collects paper products and passes our Angel list around to the Christian Church who passed our Angel list to The Maroa-Forsyth Grade School who collected food. To our friend who buys baby food for all our babies. To all our generous donors the 4-H for helping sorting and fill boxes and to everyone who donated food, showed up to help THANK YOU and we will see you next year.

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